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SUBJECT: MAZZOTTA ELECTED DC PROVINCIAL SECY LOMBARDY

REF MILAN'S 2369; 2554 AND 2646

SUMMARY: ROBERTO MAZZOTTA WAS ELECTED DEC
19 TO BE DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OF LOMBARDY
FOLLOWING DEC 4-5 PROVINCIAL CONGRESS (MILAN'S
2369). HIS ELECTION MARKS CONFIRMATION OF
SHIFT IN DC IN CITY AND PROVINCE FROM CENTER
LEFT TO CENTER RIGHT.

1. WHILE ELECTION WAS APPARENTLY A CLIFF
HANGER, IT HAS SEEMED ASSURED EVER SINCE
DECAROLIS VICTORY IN DC CITY CONGRESS NOV
20-21 (MILAN'S 2554). AT THAT TIME DE
CAROLIS TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT HE WOULD
SUPPORT MAZZOTTA SINCE HE DID NOT HAVE
ADEQUATE STRENGTH TO ELECT ONE OF HIS GROUP.
MOREOVER, MAZZOTTA EXPECTED ELECTION AND
DECAROLIS SUPPORT.

2. CORRIERE DELLA SERA, HOWEVER, HAS
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PICTURED PROCESS AS BARE VICTORY AND ACCOM-
PLISHED IN WAY TO MAKE DEPENDENCE ON DE
CAROLIS WING UNNECESSARY. IN FACT,
LEFT WING (BSE) LEFT HALL SO THAT MAZZOTTA
COULD BE ELECTED WITHOUT DECAROLIS SUPPORT--
WHICH HE GOT ANYWAY.

3. MARCORA (BASE) GROUP, THEREFORE, LOSES
CONTROL OF IMPORTANT DC PROVINCIAL MACHINERY
FOR FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS.

4. DECAROLIS TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT HE
IS DELIGHTED AND PIERO BASSETTI, MEMBER OF
BASE GROUP, CONFIRMED LAST EVENING THAT
MAZZOTTA'S ELECTION WAS SIGN THAT DC IN
LOMBARDY MOVING TO RIGHT. HE TOOK THIS
PHILOSOPHICALLY AND SPOKE WELL OF MAZZOTTA.
HOWEVER, SURPRISINGLY, BASSETTI SAID THAT
MORE IMPORTANT THAN PROVINCE WAS WEIGHT
OF CITY PARTY IN WHICH DECAROLIS HAS UPPER
HAND.

5. MAZZOTTA VIEWS REPORTED IN MILAN'S 2646.FINA

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